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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call to General Cushman from
General Haig Regarding Handling of Dissents
in National Intelligence Estimates

1. General Cushman telephoned me from home this morning and instructed me to bring the substance of his recent conversation with Brigadier General Alexander Haig to the attention of the Director and Mr. Abbot Smith.

2. General Haig had telephoned General Cushman at home early in the evening on ^{Thursday} 2 July, to relay a message from Dr. Henry Kissinger. Dr. Kissinger wanted to make certain that he had conveyed to the Director his desire to have dissenting opinions in National Intelligence Estimates fully discussed in the text of the Estimates and not expressed separately in footnotes. General Haig said that Dr. Kissinger also wanted the discussion of dissenting views in NIEs to include the reasoning supporting the dissent.



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General Cushman telephoned the attached message this morning from USMC Hqs where he and [redacted] are attending a symposium for USMC general officers.

I have alerted Bruce Clarke and Jack Maury.

I gather that it might be possible to give Rivers a little more information on Soviet Naval construction and shipyard capacity. Beyond this point, however, it really depends on how far the Director is willing to go to meet Rivers' requirements.

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